Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

be reimbursed/paid for	me. I also certify that	t I have attached:		
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11/21/11	_ <u></u>		John Hu	rvising Senator/Officer)
(Date)* (Revised 1/3/11)			V(Signature of Super	Form RE-2
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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

]	Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.
]	ncomplete and late travel submissions will <u>not</u> be considered or approved. This
+	form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website
	at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.
	Marcie Smith
•	Name of Traveler:Senator John Kennedy
	Employing Office/Committee:
	Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc. Private Sponsor(s) (list all):
	November 16, 2017 - November 18, 2017 Travel date(s):
	Traver date(s)
	Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee. Houma, LA; Thibodaux, LA; Labadieville, LA; Gramercy, LA; New Orleans, LA Destination(s):
	Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:
	many elements of the sugarcane industry. N/A
	Name of accompanying family member (if any): Relationship to Employee: Spouse Child
	I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the lest of my knowledge:
	10/12/17 Waren Muth
	(Date) (Signature of Employee)
-: -: -:	TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain): hereby authorize Marcle Smith
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)	an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and
))	an employee under my direct supervision, to decept payment or an employee under my direct supervision, to decept payment or determined that this travel is in connection with his or her related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her
)	duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for
Ç Ç	private gain.
)	I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation
	of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box)

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Form RE-1

(Revised 10/19/15)

Smith, Marcie (Kennedy)

From:

Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation < lscf@bellsouth.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 4:34 PM

To:

Smith, Marcie (Kennedy)

Subject:

Please join us for a tour of the Louisiana Sugar Industry

Attachments:

Senate Staffer Invite.pdf; ITINERARY 2017.pdf; Senate Travel Forms.pdf; 2017 Senate

Staffer Invitation List.pdf

Importance:

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Dear Senate Staffer,

Please find the attached information concerning the congressional staff tour of the Louisiana Sugar Industry November 16-18, 2017.

You will need to turn this in to the Senate Ethics Committee before Friday, October 13 for their approval.

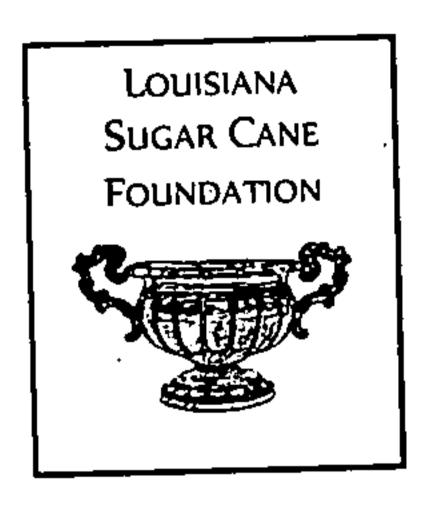
Space is limited, please reply soon.

Thanks,

Nannette Bourgeois

Administrative Assistant
Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation
985-414-1697
Iscf@bellsouth.net

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LOUISIANA SUGAR CANE FOUNDATION, INC.

P. O. Box 874
Thibodaux, LA 70302
e-mail: lscf@bellsouth.net

Kenneth Gravois, President Daniel Viator, Secretary Mike Sternfels, Treasurer

September 8, 2017

To Prospective Tour Participants -

The Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization founded to increase public awareness of the Louisiana sugar industry through education and stewardship opportunities, is sponsoring a congressional staff trip to Louisiana on November 16-18, 2017. The purpose of the trip is to give staffers an opportunity to tour the Louisiana sugar industry to gain firsthand knowledge of sugarcane research, harvesting and processing operations, and to discuss the impact of the sugar industry on Louisiana.

The Foundation would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in this trip. As a tour participant, you will depart from Ronald Reagan National Airport on US Air flight # 5559 on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., arriving in New Orleans International Airport at 10:31 a.m. From New Orleans, you will ride by chartered bus approximately one hour to the USDA-ARS Sugarcane Research Laboratory in Houma for a luncheon presentation outlining the history of the Louisiana sugar industry. After lunch, participants will be given a tour of the facility. This tour will focus on the research to improve sugarcane production practices to help farmers manage risks through improved plant breeding and varietal selection. You will depart Houma for Thibodaux to tour the John Deere Thibodaux plant, which manufacturers cane harvesting machinery. Hotel accommodations for Thursday evening will be at the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux and a dinner is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. at the Donner-Peltier Distillery. The distillery uses raw sugar and molasses produced by Lafourche Sugars for the production of their rum products. You will return to the Hampton at 8:45 p.m.

On Friday, participants will be given a tour of farming operations in Labadieville, followed by a tour of Lafourche Sugars, a raw sugar factory, in Thibodaux to observe the process to make raw sugar from sugarcane from sugarcane. Lunch will be served at Lafourche Sugars. Here Dr. Mike Salassi, an agricultural economist with the LSU Ag Center, will discuss the impact of the sugar industry on the Louisiana economy. Following lunch, you will travel to Louisiana Sugar Refinery in Gramercy. Here you will observe the process of producing refined sugar from raw sugar. After departing this tour, you will arrive at the Astor Crowne Plaza in New Orleans where you will be staying for the night. That evening, dinner will be provided at a nearby restaurant. On Saturday morning, breakfast will be provided at 7:30 a.m. in a designated room of the Astor Crowne Plaza. At 8:30 a.m., a shuttle will transport you back to the New Orleans airport for your USAirways flight #5559 departing New Orleans at 11:01 a.m. arriving Washington Reagan at 2:26 p.m. The Foundation will assume all travel, lodging and meal expenses associated with the trip. Vouchers will be distributed to cover the costs of local transportation to and from National Airport.

Participating Senate employees must submit the attached completed form to the Ethics Committee at least thirty (30) days before the date of the proposed trip. If you have any questions regarding the Senate rules, please contact the Ethics Committee at 202-224-2981.

We hope you will be able to join the Foundation on this fact-finding trip. We believe it will be a worthwhile experience and that you will gain a better understanding of the Louisiana sugarcane industry. Space is limited, so please advise us as soon as possible if you will be able to participate or if you have any questions. The best way to contact us is via e-mail at lscf@bellsouth.net. Someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Gravois

Kenneth Gravois President

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):
Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.
Description of the trip:
Dates of travel:
Place of travel: Houma, LA; Thibodaux, LA; Labadieville, LA; Gramercy, LA; New Orleans, LA
Name and title of Senate invitees: see attached list
I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories: (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
(B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign
principal.
I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
I certify that:
The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for de minimis lobbyist involvement.
The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign princip except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9)

(A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip. (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10). (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip. 10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel: 11.		USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B) I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
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21.	Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:				
	The daily expenses will be under the Federal Government per diem rates for lodging and meals.				
22.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:				
	Coach class airfare on American airlines and a 25-passenger mini-coach for local travel.				
23.	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).				
24.	List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:				
	None				
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25.	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.): Signature of Travel Sponsor: Crowsia President				
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	Name and Title: Kenneth Gravois, Fresident				
	Name of Organization: Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.				
	Address: P. O. Box 874, Thibodaux, LA 70302-0874				
	Telephone Number: 225-281-9472				
	Fax Number:				
	E-mail Address:				

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TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL STAFF TOUR (November 16-18, 2017)

Thursday, November 16, 2017

8:30 a.m.	Group leaves on American airlines flight # 5559 from Washington-Reagan National Airport.
10:31 a.m.	Group arrives New Orleans International Airport.
10:50 a.m.	Group Leaders will pick up the group at the New Orleans Airport and transport the group for the duration of the trip.
12:00 p.m.	Lunch and tour briefing at the USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Laboratory in Houma. During this lunch, a briefing on the history of the Louisiana sugarcane industry and a description of the process of creating sugar from cane will be provided.
1:00 p.m.	Tour the USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Laboratory. This tour will focus on the research to improve sugarcane production practices to help farmers manage risks through improved plant breeding and varietal selection.
2:30 p.m.	Depart for a tour of the John Deere Thibodaux Factory
3:00 p.m.	Arrive at John Deere Thibodaux Factory, the largest producer of sugarcane harvesting equipment and a driving force of the local economy.
4:30 p.m.	Depart John Deere Thibodaux Factory for the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
4:45 p.m.	Arrive at the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
6:00p.m.	Depart for dinner and tour of the Donner-Peltier Distillery. This distillery uses raw sugar and molasses produced by Lafourche Sugars for the production of their rum products. Here the group will interact with growers and processors with discussions of important sugar industry issues. Dinner will be served consisting of Louisiana delicacies.
8:30 p.m.	Depart from the Donner-Peltier Distillery for the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
8:45 p.m.	Arrive at Hampton Inn for the night.

Friday, November 17, 2017

Please check out before leaving for tours. You will not return to this hotel. Continental breakfast will be in lobby of hotel prior to our departing.

- 8:30 a.m. Depart Hampton Inn for a field tour of Brian Harang's sugarcane farm (Georgia Plantation) in Labadieville.
- 8:50 a.m. Arrive at farm to observe the various steps for growing and harvesting sugarcane.
- 10:45 a.m. Depart farm for Lafourche Sugars, a raw sugar factory in Thibodaux.
- 11:00 a.m. Arrive at Lafourche Sugars to observe the various steps for processing sugarcane into raw sugar.
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch will be served at Lafourche Sugars. During lunch, Dr. Mike Salassi, Agricultural Economist with the LSU AgCenter, will discuss the impact of the sugar industry on the Louisiana economy.
- 1:45 p.m. Depart for Louisiana Sugar Refinery in Gramercy, LA
- 2:30 p.m. Arrive at Louisiana Sugar Refinery for refinery tour. This tour will discuss the process of converting raw sugar into refined sugar.
- 4:45 p.m. Depart for the Astor Crowne Plaza in New Orleans.
- 6:00 p.m. Arrive at the Astor Crowne Plaza
- 7:15 p.m. Depart for dinner at Bourbon House.

Check out prior to breakfast.

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast Briefing meeting room in the Astor Crowne Plaza.
- 8:30 a.m. Van shuttle will transport you back to the New Orleans airport for your American Airlines flight # 5559 departing New Orleans at 11:01 a.m. arriving Washington Reagan at 2:26 p.m.

2017 Senate Staffer Invitation List

STAFFER NAME	SENATE OFFICE	
Ron Anderson	Sen. Bill Cassidy	LA
Casey Atteberry	Sen. Michael Crapo	ID
Brent Blevins	Sen. Luther Strange	AL
Patrick Bond	Sen. Claire McCaskill	MO
Morgan Carter	Sen. Richard Shelby	AL
Katelyn Conner	Sen. Mitch McConnell	KY
Pam Davidson	Sen. Bill Cassidy	LA
Judd Gardner	Sen. Jerry Moran	KS
Geoffrey Green	Sen. John Kennedy	LA
Daniel Hale	Sen. David Perdue	GA
Brett Harris	5en. Roger Wicker	MS
Tracy Henke	Sen. Roy Blunt	MO
William Kelleher	Sen. John Kennedy	LA
Joe Kristol	Sen. Tom Cotton	AR
Jennifer Lauterbach	Sen. John Kennedy	LA
Malcolm McGeary	Sen. Ron Wyden	OR
Bennett Mize	Sen. Thad Cochran	MS
Romel Nicholas	Sen. Orrin Hatch	UΥ
Alyssa Pettus	Sen. Richard Shelby	AL
Cody Sanders	. Sen. Luther Strange	AL.
Mike Schmidt	Senate Ag Committee	
Jacqueline Silvers	Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto	NV
Jacob Smith	Sen. Roger Wicker	MS
Jason Smith	Sen. Patty Murray	WA
Marcie Smith	Sen. John Kennedy	LA
SkylarSowder	Sen. John Boozman	AR
Chris Stanley	Sen. John Kennedy	LA
John Steitz	Sen. John Kennedy	LA
Kevin Turner	Sen. Luther Strange	AL
Kyle Varner	Senate Ag Committee	
Brad White	Sen. Thad Cochran	MS
Shavenor Winters	Sen. Patty Murray	WA